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Annotations

1. Election of officers

On 27 January 2003, the Commission on Sustainable Development elected, by acclamation, Valli Moosa (South Africa) as Chairman, and Hossein Moeini Meybodi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Irena Zubcevic (Croatia), Bruno Stagno (Costa Rica) and Nadine Gouzee (Belgium) as Vice-Chairmen. It postponed to a later session the election of a Rapporteur.

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At the beginning of the eleventh session, the Commission may wish to elect the Rapporteur.

The list of members of the Commission at its eleventh session is contained in annex II.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure provides that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for the session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

The proposed organization of work of the session is contained in annex I.

3. Future programme, organization and methods of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development

According to chapter XI, section E, of the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, which was adopted in Johannesburg on 4 September 2002, the Commission should continue to be the high-level commission on sustainable development within the United Nations system and serve as a forum for consideration of issues related to integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development. Although the role, functions and mandate of the Commission as set out in relevant parts of Agenda 21 and adopted in General Assembly resolution 47/191 continue to be relevant, the Commission needs to be strengthened, taking into account the role of relevant institutions and organizations. An enhanced role of the Commission should include reviewing and monitoring progress in the implementation of Agenda 21 and fostering the coherence of implementation, initiatives and partnerships.

In its resolution 57/253, having endorsed the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation), the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report containing proposals on the modalities of the future work of the Commission, taking into account the decisions contained in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Summit and the future role of the Commission: the implementation track (E/CN.17/2003/2)

4. Actions and commitments to implement the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development at all levels

Three interactive ministerial round tables will be held, with the participation of leaders from major groups.

All three round tables will have the broad theme: "Priority actions and commitments to implement the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development".

The goal of the round tables will be to discuss how the outcomes of the Summit may be implemented at all levels and by whom, i.e., various implementation actors (Governments, international organizations, major groups, partnerships), and how the

Commission may implement its renewed mandate focused on implementation. Specific objectives will be:

- To share views and exchange information on practical steps being taken in various countries and constituencies (both in terms of national actions and international cooperation) to give effect to the outcomes of the Summit, with a focus on specific objectives, targets and time-bound measures agreed in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, as well as means of implementation to achieve them. Another aspect that will be discussed is how the implementation of goals, targets, and time frames agreed at the Summit support the achievement of the Millennium development goals.

- To discuss expectations regarding the practical steps to be taken by international organizations and development and financial institutions to facilitate implementation of Summit outcomes, including opportunities for joint action and collaboration and better coordination.

- To discuss the role of partnerships in the implementation of agreements reached at the Summit and possible ways of making the Commission a focal point for partnerships, as provided by the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation. Specific issues include creating a transparent, participatory and credible reporting and monitoring mechanism on the partnerships, including guidelines; how to ensure that partnerships are closely linked to the implementation of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation; and how to facilitate the implementation of partnerships and foster new ones.

The dialogues will be organized around broad thematic clusters of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, taking into account the need for a balance among the economic, social and environmental pillars of sustainable development. The round tables will provide for brief presentations on the main developments relevant to the work of the Commission that have been held since the Summit (e.g., the Kyoto Water Forum, a meeting to be held in Marrakech in April 2003 on consumption and production patterns, meetings of conferences of parties to relevant conventions etc.).

To facilitate and focus the discussion, the Chairman will prepare framework discussion papers for each of the round tables that will be circulated in advance of the meetings.

General organization of the round tables

At the beginning of each round table, several ministers from various regions (different ministers for each of the three round tables) will be invited by the Chair to launch the discussion, after which the Chairman will open the floor to discussions among ministers, leaders of major groups and international organizations.

The results of the round tables will be summarized by the Chair and included in the report of the session. They will also help the Chairman to formulate relevant draft decisions for further consideration and negotiation by delegations.

High-level representatives of all nine major groups will be invited to participate in the round tables. Major group participation in the process will involve organizing partners from the major group communities.

5. Regional implementation forums

Given the emphasis of the Summit on regional implementation, regional implementation forums will be organized during the ministerial segment.

The forums will involve executive heads/senior officials of the regional commissions, heads/senior officials of regional development banks, regional organizations and initiatives, and United Nations organizations with a strong regional presence/focus.

The objective will be to inform interested ministers and other participants in the work of the eleventh session of the Commission of initial steps taken in the region to implement the outcomes of the Summit and any new/foreseen arrangements for regional or subregional cooperation. Presentations could be followed by an interactive discussion, involving Governments, representatives of international and regional institutions, and major groups, to consider ways and means of aligning the work in the regions with global deliberations.

The results of the regional implementation forums will be reflected in summaries of discussion that will be included in the report of the Commission.

6. Role of the Commission in the preparatory process for the comprehensive review of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

In its resolution 57/262, the General Assembly reiterated the urgent need for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and of the Declaration and review document adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-second special session, to assist small island developing States in their efforts to achieve sustainable development, and invited the Commission to consider at its eleventh session its role in the preparatory process for the comprehensive review of the Programme of Action.

On Monday, 5 May 2003, a discussion focusing on preparations for the 10-year review of the implementation of the Programme of Action will take place, as a result of which a draft decision, focusing on the role of the Commission in the preparatory process for the comprehensive review of the Programme of Action, will be proposed for consideration/negotiations in the course of the week.

7. Other matters

Documentation

Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (E/CN.17/2003/4)

Draft programme of work of the Division for Sustainable Development for the biennium 2004-2005 (E/CN.17/2003/5)

8. Provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General shall submit a draft provisional agenda for the Commission's subsequent session, indicating in respect

of each agenda item the documents to be submitted under that item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Commission to consider the documents from the point of view of their contribution to the work of the Commission and their urgency and relevance in the light of the current session.

Subject to a decision on its multi-year programme of work, the Commission will have before it the provisional agenda for its twelfth session.

9. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its eleventh session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission reports to the Council on the work of each session.

10. Closure of the session

Annex I

Proposed organization of work

The proposed organization of work for the eleventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development has been drawn up on the basis of informal consultations conducted by the Bureau.

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Programme*
Week of 28 April to 2 May 2003		
Monday, 28 April		
		Plenary
10-10.30 a.m.		Opening of the session
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	Item 1	Election of officers (Rapporteur) Introductory statements
		High-level segment
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 3	Ministerial statements on future modalities and work programme of the Commission
3-6 p.m.	Item 4	Interactive ministerial round table, with the participation of leaders from major groups, on the theme "Priority actions and commitments to implement the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development"
Tuesday, 29 April		
8.30-10 a.m.	Item 4	Informal ministerial meeting
10-11.30 a.m.	Item 3	Ministerial statements on future modalities and work programme of the Commission (*continued*)
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 5	Regional implementation forums (two in parallel)
3-6 p.m.	Item 4	Interactive ministerial round table, with the participation of leaders from major groups, on the theme "Priority actions and commitments to implement the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development"
Wednesday, 30 April		
8.30-9.30 a.m.	Item 3	Informal ministerial meeting with heads of United Nations programmes, agencies and conventions, and financial institutions

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Programme*
10-11.30 a.m.	Item 4	Ministerial statements on future modalities and work programme of the Commission (*concluded*)
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4	Interactive ministerial round table, with the participation of leaders from major groups, on the theme "Priority actions and commitments to implement the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development"
3-4.30 p.m.	Item 5	Regional implementation forums (two in parallel)
4.30-5.30 p.m.		Regional implementation forum
5.30-6 p.m.	Items 3, 4	Presentation by the Chairman of the summaries of discussion held during the high-level segment
Thursday, 1 May		
		Multi-stakeholder dialogue
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Items 3, 4, 5	Presentation by major groups of their views on the future programme of work of the Commission, including arrangements for involvement of major groups and other stakeholders
		Interactive discussion of major groups' proposals, with the participation of Governments/intergovernmental organizations
		Plenary
3-6 p.m.	-	Panel/special event on a theme to be determined
	Items 3, 4	Presentation by the Chair of draft decisions
Friday, 2 May		
10-11.30 a.m.	Items 3, 4	Comments by major groups on the Chairman's draft(s)
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Items 3, 4	Delegations study the Chairman's draft(s)
3-6 p.m.	Items 3, 4	Delegations study the Chairman's draft(s) (*concluded*)
Week of 5 to 9 May		
Monday, 5 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Items 3, 4	Consideration of draft decisions
3-6 p.m.	Item 6	Discussion of preparation for the 10-year review of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
	Items 3, 4	Consideration of draft decisions (*continued*)

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Programme*
Tuesday, 6 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	Items 3, 4	Consideration of draft decisions (*continued*)
3-3.30 p.m.	Item 6	Introduction of a draft decision on small island developing States
Wednesday, 7 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	Items 3, 4, 6	Consideration of draft decisions (*continued*)
Thursday, 8 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	Items 3, 4, 6	Consideration of draft decisions (*continued*)
Friday, 9 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 7	Other matters
	Item 8	Provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the Commission
3-6 p.m.	Items 3, 4, 6	Consideration of draft decisions (*concluded*)
	Items 3, 4, 6	Comments by major groups
	Item 9	Adoption of the report of the Commission on its eleventh session
		Closure of the session

Annex II

List of members of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session*

Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Belgium
Bolivia
Brazil
Canada
China
Costa Rica
Croatia
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Ecuador
Egypt
France
Gabon
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Japan
Lesotho
Madagascar
Mali
Mexico
Mongolia
Morocco
Nepal
Nigeria
Norway
Pakistan
Peru
Poland
Republic of Moldova
Saudi Arabia
Senegal

* For the membership of the Commission at its twelfth session, see A/57/3 (Part II)/Add.1, footnote j.

Slovenia
South Africa
Sudan
Switzerland
Thailand
Turkey
Uganda
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America
Uzbekistan
Venezuela